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## L-L board upholds busing, transfer plan

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON  
Post Correspondent

**LEHMAN TWP.** — Despite pleas from more than 60 concerned parents after the July 25 meeting, the Lake-Lehman School Board decided upon the advice of the administration to uphold its decision on dual busing and the transferring of elementary school students between schools.

In May, the school board voted to

*"I don't think the board has a handle on the dynamics nor the logistics of this situation."*

Lisa Swanson  
Mother of affected child

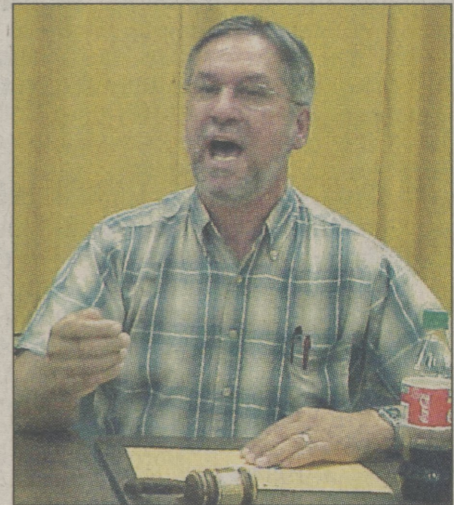
provide dual busing, separating the high school and middle school students from the elementary school kids. The change was made to provide for common planning time for

elementary teachers, but resulted in differing start times among the schools. With the completion of the Ross Elementary School construction project, about 70 students will

be transferred from within the district's three elementary schools, with 43 students being transferred from Lehman-Jackson to Ross.

Worried parents presented several major concerns to the board last week after being notified by letter of the Ross transfers. They included the short notification time provided by the school district, problems adjusting work schedules to the later starting times, availability of child

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Charles Boytin, president of the Lake-Lehman School Board, defended the decision to use a dual busing scheme and transfer students between the district's elementary schools.

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## Seniors fearful strike will disrupt their year

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON  
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With all the turmoil and change at Lake-Lehman High School, the students, particularly this year's seniors, have reason to be unsettled.

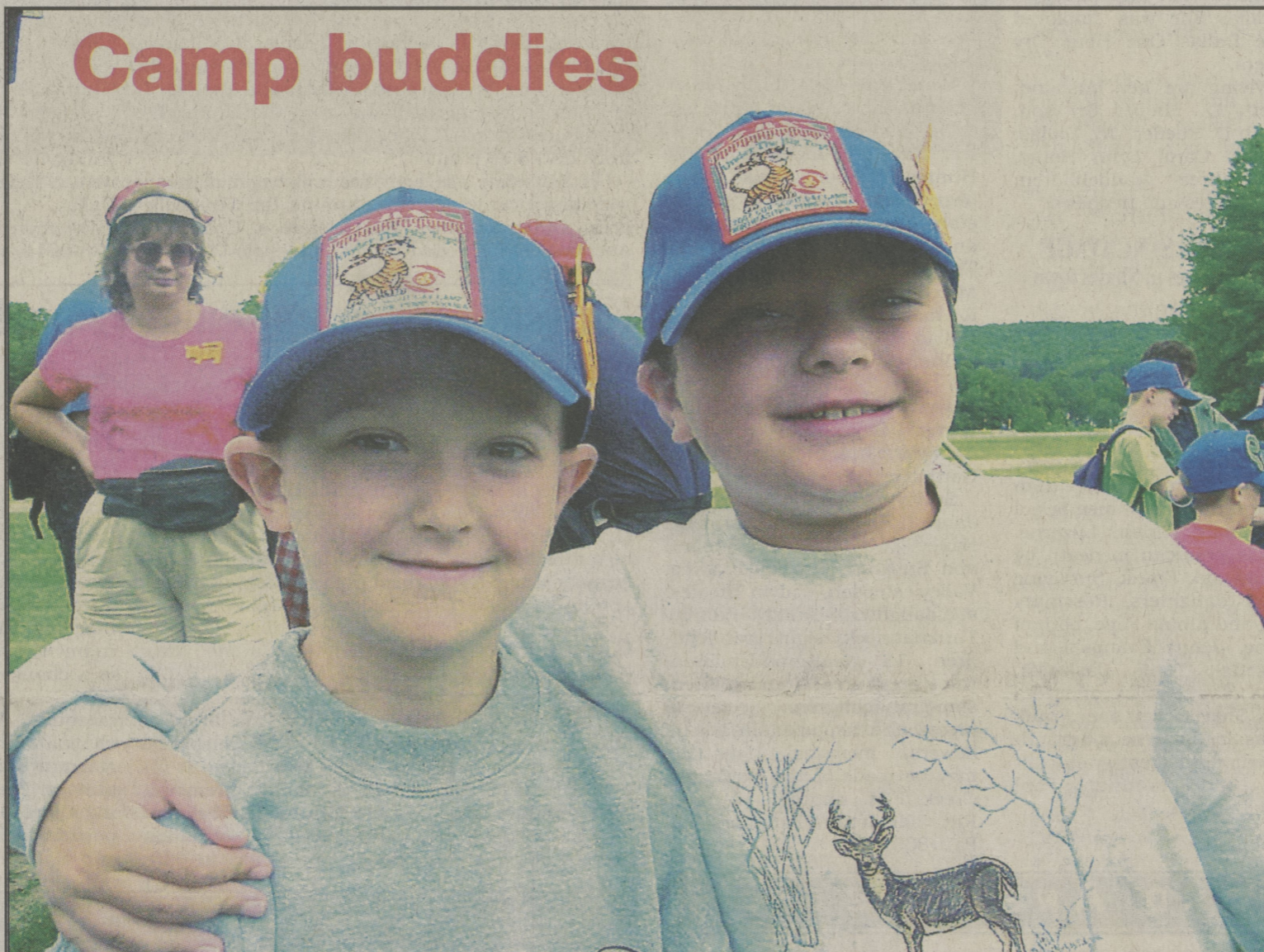
The construction/renovation project on the high school looks in need of a miracle to put it together in time for the first day of school, September 3. There is no parking lot and even the school board president commented on the mess the football field is in. A new high school principal, Michael Gokay, has been hired. The marching band has been without a director, and without practice, all summer.

But of all the disruptions, it seems students are worried most about the lack of a teachers' contract, as rumors of a strike fly furiously. The Lake-Lehman Education Association (LLEA) attorney and chief negotiator, John Holland, will not confirm the rumors of a strike, but he does not deny it either.

Senior Megan DeCesaris said she and her friends talk about the threat often and worry how a strike might affect them personally and how it might affect their field hockey season. Will the field hockey schedule be uninterrupted? Will some of the games be missed if the teachers strike? If so, will those games be considered forfeited?

"A strike will not probably affect the winter or spring sports but it could it affect the fall sports," said

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Andrew Santora, right, and Michael Terrinko, both from Pack 281 of Dallas, enjoyed archery and fishing during their week at Moon Lake State Park. More photos on page 4.

## Cub Scouts get together at Moon Lake

By M.B. GILLIGAN  
Post Correspondent

Ninety Cub Scouts from 12 different packs enjoyed their annual day camp held last week at Moon Lake State Park.

"It was very hot on Monday and Tuesday so we made some adjustments to our schedule," said Sheila Gionfriddo, Program Director and den leader from Lake-Lehman. "We played croquet and badminton instead of dodge ball and we took a

lot of water breaks."

The boys participated in a variety of events during the weeklong camp. "Every day there are six activities," said Mary Lansberry, Dallas, parent volunteer from Gate of Heaven's Pack 232. "They just enjoy everything."

Archery was high on Andrew Santora's list. "I really had to pull it back and I hit it (the target) a few times," said the Cub Scout from Pack 281, Dallas.

Another member of Pack 281

thought the fishing was great. "I caught three fish with the same worm," said Michael Terrinko.

In addition to nearly 50 parent volunteers, there were also nineteen Boy Scouts from area troops who helped out at the day camp. "We were den chiefs," said Joey Saunders of Troop 518, Tunkhannock. He and his friend, Brett Buckingham, were assigned different jobs throughout the week.

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## Stage set for 21st Triathlon

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB  
Post Staff

It is said we learn from our experiences.

For committee members and organizers of the 21st running of the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon, experience has been essential in planning and

coordinating yet another race in the Back Mountain.

"We take our experiences each year, note them and improve on them," said race organizer Joanne Gensel. "Our experience will allow the competitors to experience what it is like to have a good, quality race."

This year's event, which gets underway at 8 a.m. Sunday and features a 1.5K swim, 40K bike and 11K run, will

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## Truck overturns near park

State Police are investigating an accident that occurred Tuesday afternoon on Mount Olivet Road, near the entrance to Frances Slocum State Park. A truck overturned after striking a guard rail, and its tank was knocked off the bed and split open, spilling the contents, which a State Police official said was oil. No other information was available at press time. In photo, Kingston Township emergency medical personnel tended to the driver.

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## Extra state ed \$\$ to buy books, support

By MARK GUYDISH  
Special to The Dallas Post

**DALLAS TWP.** — The Dallas School Board agreed Tuesday to use an increase of \$51,892 in state funding to pay for textbooks and instructional support.

The state boosted proposed funding after area districts had approved their budgets, prompting districts to revisit finances. For Dallas, the increase had scant impact on a \$22.6 million balance sheet.

The state limited how districts could spend the extra money. One option was to cut taxes, but Dallas kept an 8 mill tax increase — to 198 mills — intact. A mill is a \$1 tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

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